**Lignite mining**

3138 SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of locations with quantum of lignite, both already mined and proposed to be mined;

(b) whether lignite mining lease is given/proposed to be given to the private sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The State-wise lignite resources as on 1.4.2005 are as follows:

*In Million Tonnes (MT)*

| Sl. No. | State | Geological Reserves |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tamil Nadu | 30471.52 |
| 2. | Rajasthan | 3983.78 |
| 3. | Gujarat | 2662.75 |
| 4. | Jammu & Kashmir | 27.50 |
| 5. | Kerala | 8.30 |
| | Total | 37153.85 |

At present, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC), Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC), Gujarat Industries Power Corporation Limited (GIPCL) and Rajasthan State mines & Minerals Limited (RSMML) are engaged in active lignite mining in the country. The details of mined out lignite reserves and balance reserves in the existing mines of NLC are as under:—

*Figures in Million Tonnes (as on 31.3.2005)*

| Sl. No. | Block name & Location | Mined out lignite Reserves | | Balance Lignite Reserves |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mine-I & Expansion, Tamil Nadu | 235.09 | Mine-ll & | 129.77 |
| 2. | Expansion, Tamil Nadu | 145.52 | | 459.50 |

| SI. No | Block Name & Location | Mined out lignite Reserves | Balance Lignite Reserves |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Mine IA, Tamil Nadu | 4.50 | 115.50 |
| 4. | Barsingsar, Rajasthan | 0.00* | 53.00 |
| | Total | 385.11 | 757.77 |

*Mine is under implementation stage

The details of lignite blocks proposed for future development by NLC are given as under:—

| SI. No | Block Name & Location | Probable Mineable Reserves in MT |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mine-Ill, Tamil Nadu | 313 |
| 2. | Block-B, Tamil Nadu | 175 |
| 3. | Devangudi, Tamil Nadu | 40 |
| 4. | Jayamokondam—North | 230 |
| 5. | Hadla, Rajasthan | 18 |
| 6. | Palana, Rajasthan | 13 |
| 7. | Bithnok, Rajasthan | 36 |
| 8. | Riri, Rajasthan | 130 |
| | Total | 955 |

(b) Yes, Sir. Lignite Mining leases can be given to private sector for captive use of power generation, cement and steel industries.

(c) M/s. Marudhar Power Limited has been allocated Gurha (East) linite block in Raneri in Rajasthan for captive mining to meet the fuel requirement of their 2 X 75 MW lignite-based power plant.

**Coal production**

3139. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal production in the country during each of the last three years;